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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1905.

#### A Score for Annexation.

last night and patiently heard arguments on both sides of the question of without action, but there is no doubt tha

The Times-Dispatch is not wedded to ask the committee to follow to the mark ask, however, that the committee will Richmond is growing rapidly

spirit, and we should be considerate of interests. The committee should le them know well in advance the terms

Suburban Development. In his address before the citizens' meet ndrous development in the suburba during a visit to Baltimore several years veniences be extended into the outlying was then totally undeveloped. The city was built compactly up to Lombardy extended-but there was no developmen

The articles attracted much attention and citizens wrote communications to the paper, urging the Council to pursue the course suggested. Finally the conveniences were extended, and within a few years a new city has been built in Lee Richmond in these improvements was a But lands in that section are so high that the poor cannot afford to buy and build, what we now need is to take in moderate circumstances.

improving the districts proposed to be taken in. For five years the revenue de in improvements, but the city should not selves should do their part. That is the course pursued in other cities, and it is the right course. A lot in an old field which would not sell for a hundred dollars or for any price except for speculation, may be made saleable at a price many times its original value by bringing to it drainage, water, gas and pavements. The owner of the lot can well afford to pay his part of the cost of such improve ments when they so greatly enhance the

## The South's "Backwardness."

Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harinvestigating the negro question and has written for the Boston Transcript an article entitled "Is the Negro Degenerat-

Introductory to his remarks on the negro, Professor Hart takes occasion to say that the South is backward and is comparatively less prosperous in many parts than it was before the war. "The first reason," says he, "given for this Southern cities that were badly injured

tion buildings was not very significant. This is news; indeed, to the people of Richmond, and the people of the Valley of Virginia! It is also news to us that the South is backward and comparatively thing out of the pockets of those who less prosperous in many parts than it was pay the taxes; he talks as though they become the war. In \$200 the assessed val.

The Times-Dispatch. unation of property in the Southern States was \$4,510,925,237; in 1900, \$5,266,549,044; in 1904, \$6,196,667,818. From 1900 to 1904 there was a gain of nearly a billion dollars or at an average of about \$225,000,000 a year. This gain is not confined to a few States but is uniform throughout all the States

irish potatoes, tye and hay produced in 121,000, a gain of \$36,000,000 over 1903, and

the enormous difficulties under which In some sections of the South to be sure the great plantations have disappeared as a whole, the farming section is more

It is needless to say that otherwise, in mining, in manufacturing, railroading, of 1905 is so far ahead of the South of

dition of the Southern negro. It may he is outlimistic and thinks that on the whole the negro is getting forward, and

Taxing Manufacturing Plants.

Colonel William H. Palmer, who has been closely identified with the business and financial interests of this community Theatre Monday night that he knew a number of cases where manufacturing vice were sold for what they would bring, chinery of manufacturing concerns upon time being at least, it is worse than usefor several years at a loss to its owners at last and the machinery which cost

It cost a great deal of money to equip unprofitable venture, and had to shut less than it cost.

If Richmond enlarges her borders and additional territory and encourage the ufacturing plants are situated, these facts will doubtless be taken into consideration when the assessment of the machinery is

### What Is Patriotism?

When a citizen of any community gives desirable institution, he is called a public We would not disparage nor discourage such benefactions, but it is not the whole of good citizenship to give money for public purposes. It is no sacrifice for th a public institution, especially when h The best citizens are not neces sarily those who pay the largest taxes or not. There are many public spirited men and women in Richmond who have little property, and therefore pay little taxes. But they are always thinking o of the city. They are engaged in charit; work, in helping the schools, in encour aging public cleanliness and ornamenta tion, in civic improvement in all direc

But they meet with many discourage ments, and when they undertake to work up some public enterprise involving an expenditure of money, "Tax-payer," who his own private business, giving little by sostilities were Vicksburg. Atlanta and thought to public affairs, is almost sure to be heard from in the public print He lifts up his voice in mouroful protest terms of "sentimental women and vision

in the affairs of government. Richmond would be in a bad way if all public work had to be done by some of these protesting "tax-payers," If a man pays taxes, he does well. But that is not enough. He owes other obligations to the community in which he lives, and if he neglects his duty: If he takes no part in public work, at least let him not lift his voice against those who do. A man's size of his tax account, but by the affec-

The First Electric Car Line. Some weeks ago The Richmond Times-Dispatch, in setting forth some of the 'points of vantage' of Richmond, claimed for it the honor of having the first elecfor it the honor of having the first electric car line. In this, our esteemed contemporary is mistaken. More than once persons from a distance have come to Montgomery to examine records here in connection with this matter, and with the result of giving precedence to this city, On the 23d day of December, 1885, the Capital City Street Rallway Company, of Montgomery, adopted a resolution accepting a contract of the Van Depoole Electric Manufacturing Company for the construction of an electric car system. Early in 1886 the cars were in operation

construction of an electric car system Early in 1886 the cars were in operation our streets, and up to that day necetric cars had been run in any othe city in the United States.

know our Alabama contemporary would

is "editorially energized" by Robert Newjust celebrated its twenty-fourth birthis one of the best family weeklies that done and is doing good work in Virginia, that it was never more prosperous than now, as it enters its twenty-fifth year.

as follows: "Charley Anderson, a negro enue in New York, is the outcome of a tor of the port at Charleston, S. C., the Southern papers and politicians said that an appointment in the North. /Collector ertheless, no Dinahs and Sambos danced

"Japan has destroyed the Russian fleet, captured Port Arthur and practically driven Kuropatkin out of Manchuris. That is all that she set out to do. Why, then, has she not won her fight? And why is it not time for Russia to sue for peace? And if she does not do so, is in not time for the Powers to interfere?" And the Boston Transcript remarks

Now, ye weatherwise can proceed to prediet according to your previously con

There are getting to be too many female captains of finance in this free country Mrs. Reeder, who was up to mortgage the the island of Santo Domingo, is the latest curiosity in this line.

The Osler proposition lacks about tifty nine years and ten months of being o the required age, but all the same, it is well enough to apply the chloroforn

of the late John H. Reagan, of Confederate fame, who left six living children, twenty-one grandchildren and one great-

The soldiers in the Japanese army are said to be worn out. Trying to keep up with those Russian sprinters is enough to make them at least a little tired.

Governor Hoch and all the Grand Dukes of Kansas have declared that there can be no peace with the oil octopus until

The Indiana Legislature has gone up against the Indiana small boy. It has passed an anti-cigarette law,

Look out for a setback for General Oyama. He has gotten on the boasting

storm. Philadelphia had one on Sunday

A Stranger's Thanks. A Stranger's Thanks.

Editor of the Times-Disputch:
Sir.-Through the kindness of Colonel
A. G. Evans, I have received my first
copy of "The Times-Disputch," which I
have read with very much interest, and
I pronounce the sume a clean-cut up-todate paper in every respect, of which its
readers may feel proud to read, for it
is free from everything that could give
effense to the most sensitive or relined
and.



a delicious dentifrice. Pree from acid and grit. Just the thing for those who have an inclination for the niceties of



Line," so mild in politics and I think it our northedn editors should imitate your example in this respect, it would be a step in the right direction in the newspaper line. The "race problem" seems to be a perplexing question with you people, while with us it causes not an auxious thought, for we don't see a negro-ocice a year, except in the large cities.

cities. The only mee that bothers us is the race of life, which we are all striving to run with as little effort as possible, but here in Wiaconsin, where we have radiers short summers and long cold winters, we have to put forth quite and cold winters, we have to put forth quite and to live on during the summer to get enough to live on during the winter.

Now, Mr. Editor, I hope I shall not impose upon your time.

During my wife s stay at Norfolk, she was shown such respect and kindness was shown such respect and kindness.

During my wife's stay at Norfolk, she was shown such respect and kindness that, we both entertain the warmest of feeling and the greatest respect for our scuthern friends; and I might add that Colonet A. G. Evans and wife were pussengers on the train from Norfolk to Richmond, who also rendered my wife much assistance and spoke words of sympathy to my wife, which, no doubt, made her sad journey much easier. Now, Mr. Editor, with a heart full of gratitude and good wishes for our southern friends, I will say good night.

Yours respectfully,

G. H. MITCHELL.

Spring Valley, Wisconsin.

Negro Instruction.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.-Your editorial in Sunday's paper anent the review of Febrstoke's "Letters from Tuskegee," may serve as a eye-opener to the fact that not only in Booker Washington's school but in many other schools in the South in which negro-teachers teach negro scholars, the social equity idea is apparent and rampant.

I took part in a discussion not long ago in which several indes oriced their views on this very subject. One of them had engaged a cook from the industrial school here, (the Central League, I believe it is called) whose head is the negro practitioner. Dr. Jones, and when the autocrat of the kitchen arrived she amounced that she always expected to come in and go out of the house in the front door, as the rules of the League for the kitchen't postas graduates. Naturally she was displissed. Another lady who had dugaged a maid from the same school washmuch animoged by having negro menring her front door bell and ask to see of waitress here.

I agree with Harstbilladalphia Record.

"Miss Eminis Jones who has the place of waitress here."
I agree with the Philydelphia Hecord that not only the looky of the Booker Washington school but that of every other negro school in the South should be made a matter of investigation by inprejudiced persons, and this method of teaching social equality to the scholars sifted to the bottom.

The negroes are only paving the way for an immense amount of trouble for themselves, and the scooler they are taughtilis fact the better it will be for them and for those with have to deal with them.

C. R.

### The Prison Association.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—The members and friends of the Prison Association of Virginia are highly gratified in this recent decision of the Supreme Court in their favor, by which the Association recovers \$6,005. This money will doubtiess be used to good advantage by the Board of Directors, and prove a blessing to the boys under their care are the Laurel Industrial School.

advantage by the Board of Directors, and prove a blessing to the boys under their care at: the Laurel Industrial School.

This is a very worthy institution and it is greatly to be regretted that members of the Association do not take more active interest in its affairs. This is due in a measure to the fact that the members of the Association know little of its workings, except the report which is made annually. Not only ought the members af the Association to be thoroughly conversant with its affairs, but interesting information should be furnished the public, thereby enlisting greater interest in its success, Could you not secure and publish a statement of the affairs of the school at this time, or to Mauch 1st? If this is done, I've no doubt the result would be a renewed interest on the part of those now members and at the same time result in an enlarged membership.

Richmond, Va.

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Eternity. By J. STAUNTON MOORE.

Old ocean. Fathom its nighty depths!.
Gount the pubbles upon its coral strand
Or the creatures that people its waters!
Count the drops of water that cover the

"As the waters cover the sea!"
Count the sunbeams which dance upon lts rippling waves; Measure the distance from the rising To the setting sun Reckon the sands upon earth's barren

Count the grains upon desolate Sahara! Go stand upon the summit of you lofty mountain;
Cast thine cyc over the panorama of Field and strub, as it rustles in the pass-

Breeze, or is kissed into motion by the Gentle zephyr. Go wander through the valley
At early morning's dawn; count the dew
Drops upon tree and lwig, bespangling
every

every Blade of krass slike diamonds scintillating in the rays of the rising sun! bland beneath the blue Empyrean of the Vaulted skies; count the twinkling stars They whisper to each other, and the planets As they bread their appointed way, Count the birds darkening the horizon in

Wonted nights, or the creatures that people earth's Surface—the caffle upon a thousand hills. Recken the boundlessness of space, add Togethe rand multiply indefinitely of theu Togethe rand multiply indennicity of that
And thou with have a faint idea of
Elernity.
Eternity! Elernity! What an incomprehensible sound to cars finite!
The mind struggles to grasp its limits;
then go.

He cars to catch the symphonics of unknown limits.
Time imittless, ages upon ages; con calling con;

log con;
Deep answering to profounder depths,
Mountain e ertopping mountain;
Space multiplied by space,
Neither the fathomiess depths of old

Nor the sands of the desert; nor the Waters that cover the earth, or are distilled into deser, nor the limitations Of space, measure or bound Andless, Everlacting, news-ending Eternity; ; January, 1834

## QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Editor of The Times-Dispatcht
Sir, Do you know if Miss Regnault,
who, before her decease, resided at No.
317 East Main Street, left the strange
power she exercised over chills to any
relative or friend? If so, please give
name and address of person to whom the
influence was given and greaty oblige,
A SUBSCRIBER.

A Hard One.

Editor of The Times Dispatch:
Sir. Please answer in your Queries next
week if there is an island, in the South
called Morris Island, and if so in what
State, and the origin of the name. To
whom does it belong, I am,
Yours respectfully,
P. W. A.
We have no record of such an Island.

Distance to Washington.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—Will you please answer in your
Queries the distance from Richmond to
Washington, D. C.
2. Can people under age marry there
without their parents consent.
OLD SUBSCRIBER.

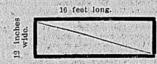
1. The distance from Richmond to Washington is 116 miles. 2. We take this opportunity to say that

Powers of Supervisors.

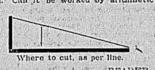
employs detectives. Before case comes on for trial B, on his own account, emon for trial B, on his own account, employs counsel to prosecute parties charged with the crime. After trial B gets account allowed by board of supervisors sufficient to pay detectives and counsel employed by him to prosecute. Is there any law authorizing board of supervisors to apply public funds for such purpose? If so, please state it, and where found in Marking Collectic property of the proceedings of board of

Boards of supervisors are authorized, tioned by our correspondent, and paid payers' remedy is against the members

Problem in Geometry.



Sir,—I want to saw a board 12 inches wide, 16 feet long, diagonally, as per line drawn, and there 'will' be one-half in each piece. I want to know how far from the 12 inch end to cut the one-half board across to have 4 feet in each piece, so I will have flye boards with 4 feet cut. It be worked by arithmetic? each. Can it be worked by arithmetic?



We get from geometry or surveying

As the given width of the triangle is to the area of the triangle to be cut off, so is the square of the given base to the square of the required base. In this 8 sq. ft. : 4 sq. ft. : : 256 : Answer.

Wo get 128. Square root of 128 = 11.34. 16 ft. - 11.3 ft. = 4.7 ft, which is the required distance from the 12 inch end.

### The Office of Storms.

The 'Office of Scales Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,-Will you please give what is the practical benefit in natural working of cyclones, carthquakes and electric storms? They have their uses, &c.

E. M. J.

The natural universe is a great Storehouse of which the earth forms a part. ural law, are writing the earth's history now in exactly the same manner as in the remote past. Geology takes account of the materials of the earth, the process of building and the changes it is undergoing; astronomy of its relations to the meteorology sees to the ventilation necessary by the circulation of winds and storm movements, and the distribution of heat and cold, and so on through the various departments of science, each charging itself with a special line of investiga-

Storms, then, are concerned with meteorology and any inquiry as to their benefit may be promptly and decidedly

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#### A Problem.

Sir,-If it is sixty miles from Richmond to New Canton, and a man had to walk from, Richmond to New Canton, how many days would it take him to walk it at the following rate: Walk three miles every day toward New Canton and have to walk back toward Richmond every light two miles to get a place to stay to walk back toward Richmond every all night two miles to get a place to stay all night, and have to pay one dollar each night for lodging. How many days will it take him to get to New Canton, and how many miles will he have to walk to make the trip, and how many dollars will he have to pay for lodging?

2. Suppose that A can build a bridge in four days, and B can de it in five days.

in four days, and B can do it in five days, and C can build it in ten days; suppose that all three work on it one day each; how many days would it take A to finish the bridge alone, allowing twelve hours for a day's work, and how many days would it take B, and how many days would it take C to complete the bridge, would it take C to complete the blugs, and how long or many days would it take all three to build the bridge? Please give answer in days, hours, minutes and seconds, and by so doing you will much oblige a subscriber. Yours respectfully, WILLIAM E. H.

1. The man walking forward three miles during the day and two miles backward New Canton. In 59 days and nights he Canton. In 591-3 days he reaches New imes 2 + 1, or 235 + 1, or 296 miles. He had

to pay \$59 for lodging. 2. A 1-4 bridge in 1 day, B 1-5 bridge in 1 day.

C 1-10 bridge in one day. A will finish the bridge 9-20 in-

 $+\frac{1}{4}$ , or 1 - d = 1 day 9 h. 36 s; 9 1 1 1  $+\frac{1}{5}$ , or  $-\frac{1}{4}$  d. = 2 d. 3 h.  $\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{10}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. = 4 d. 5 h.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir-In response to a recent request in your Query Column, I inclose a copy of Senator Yest's Tribute to the Dog.'

This gracious compliment to it noble animal, I have never seen surpassed. The nearest approach to it probably was uttered by your only and original Justice John, who, after hearing the evidence in the case of a certain effizion versus an "alleged" viclous dog-a few years agoremarked to the dog: "You have proven a better character in this city than I canyou are discharged."

One of the most eloquent tributes ever paid to the dog was delivered by Senator Vest, of Missouri, some years ago. Ho was attending court in a country town, and while waiting for the trial of a case in which he was interested he was urged by the attendry in a dog case to help them. He was paid a fee of 250 by the plaintiff. Voluminous evidence was introduced to show that the defendant had shot the dog in mailed, while other ovidence went to show that the dog had attacked defendant. Vest took no part in the trial and was not disposed to speak. The attorneys, however, urged him to make a speech, else their clent would not think he had carned his fee. Being thus urged, he arose, scanned the face of cach juryman for a moment and sald. "Gentlemen of the jury, the best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those who are nearest and dearest to us, those who are nearest with our hapiness and our good lame, may become traitors to their fath. The monoy that a-man has he may lose. It files away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon her leads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this solits world, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fibreely if only he may be her his master's side. He will kins the hand that has no food to offer. He will kins the hand that has no food to offer. He will kin the world, the one that never feelings to the grounds and strength of the sake wings and reputation fals to pleces, he is as constan

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY March 22d.

1520—Leo X. gave permission for the publication of the Complutensian Polygiott, a magnificent edition of the Bible, prepared and printed at the expense of Cardinal Ximenses, of Toledo. The work was commenced in 1502 and prosecuted without interruption for fifteen years, at an expense of more than 50,000 crowns of gold.

1530—Diet of Augsburg, Germany, at which Melanchthon drew up a creed known by the name of the Augsburg Confession. 1595-Walter Raleigh, in search of the

15--Walter Raleigh, in search of the fabulous golden city of Manoa del Dorado, arrived at Trinidad. He had fitted out a fleet at great expense; leaving his sbips at Trinidad, he proceeded with 100 men in boats 400 miles up the Oronoque, but the river beginning dangerously to swell, he returned without effecting the great discovery.

discovery, 1621—The colonists at Plymouth received a visit from Massaoit, the greatest king of the neighboring Indians. A bague of friendship was agreed upon, which was inviolably observed more than fifty years.

1646-Battle of Stowe, in which the Royallsts, under Lord Astley, 3,000 in number, were defeated by Colonel Morgan. This was the last body of men that appeared on the field for King Charles.

1740-Porto Bello, on the Isthmus of Dar ien, taken by the English, under Ad-miral Vernon. miral Vernon. brated of American metaphysicians and theologians, died of smallpox, aged fifty-five.

1765-Stamp Act passed by the Britis Parliament, the first attempt to tax America without allowing her a rep-

-Emperor William I., of Germany,

born.

1866—Murat proclaimed at Dusseldorf.
"Prince Joachim, Duke of Cleves and
Berg."

1221—Stephen Decatur, a distinguished
American commodore, died at Washinston, aged forty-one.

1832—The bill banishing the families of
Napoleon and Charles X. passed the
Chamber of Peers by a vote of
eighty to thirty.

1832—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, "the
putriarch of German literature," died
at Weimar, Germany, aged eightythree.

1851-Mordecal Manasseh Nonh, for over

forly years connected with the press of New York, and prominent as a writer and politician, died. 1896—Willam Q. Judge died. 1904—The United States Senate, in executive session, ratified the treaty with Cuba, embodying the Platt amendment.

amendment. 1904—Japanese fleet made first determined bombardment of Port Arthur; many buildings reported demolished.

The Smallest Armies.

The Smallest Armics.

Hachette's Almanach du Crapeau gives the statistics of the smallest armies in the world. The smallest armies in the world. The smallest parts, 75 carbiners and 29 firemen, 125 centered comes that of Luxemburg, with 125 gendarmes, 170 volunteers and 20 musicians. In case of war, however, the number of volunteers may be temporarily raised to 250. In the republic of San Marino they have universal compalies, comprising 90 men, and 35 officers, commanded by a marshal. This is the war strength of the forces. On a peace footing the republic can only put one company of 60 men on the grade ground. In the case of the republic of Liberia the most striking feature is the proportion of officers for privatee. Three are 850 of the former and only 700 of the surface seeks of the former and only 700 of the surface seeks of the former and only 700 of the surface seeks the republic issue break out between the great powers of Europe.

Corrupt Russian Grand Dukes. Corrupt Russian Grand Dukes.

In Russia many stories are told about the rapacity of the grand dukes. One of them was president some years ago of a committee which was raising funds for a monument to be erected to the memory of Alexander II. The funds disappedred, and with more than the usual contrage of the Russian notable Count Bobrinski and Count Voronizoff Dashkoff complained to the reigning Carr. Nothing, however, came of the complaint. The whole thing was hushed up. Another was said to have supplemented his enermous income by receiving bribes to give low-born aspirants a standing in society. Their incomes, it may be said, are enormous, yet the majority of them are in circula need of cash and are anything but squeamish as to the manner in which they obtain it.

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